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#### 1.0 Policy

It is the Policy of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Substance Abuse, Prevention, and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) that all providers, in accordance with 505 (a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 US code 290aa-4) which directs the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), to collect items including admission and discharge data.

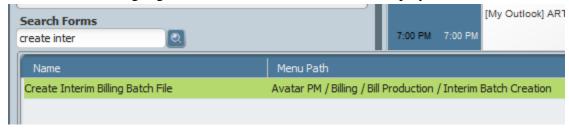
The billing process includes the following forms, in the following order:

- 1. Create Interim Billing Batch File
- 2. Print Bill to view charges
- 3. Close Charges
- 4. Print Bill to claim charges

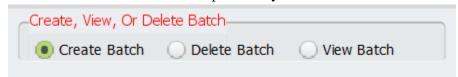
#### 2.0 Procedure

#### CREATE INTERIM BILLING BATCH FILE

- 1. The billing process begins with the **Create Interim Billing Batch File** form.
- 2. From the Avatar Home Screen, search for the **Create Interim Billing Batch File** form in the **Search Forms** widget.
  - a. Double-click the highlighted item in order for the form to display.



- 3. In the Create, View, Or Delete Batch field, select one of the three options:
  - a. **Create** choose this to create a new batch
  - b. View choose this to view a previously created batch
  - c. **Delete** choose this to delete a previously created batch

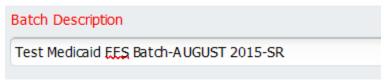


4. In the **Batch Description** field, name your batch.

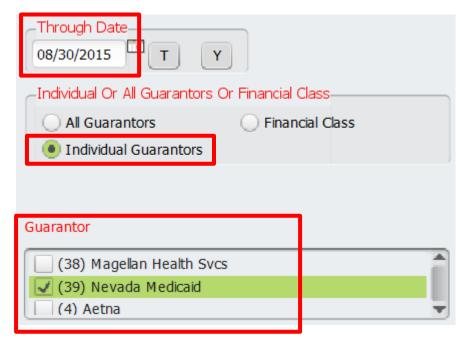


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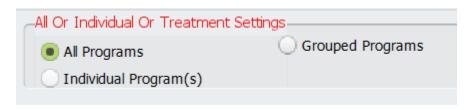
a. Include the Guarantor Name, Date (or time period), and your initials. This will help track previous batches.



- 5. Enter the **Through Date.** 
  - a. This is the last date of the billing period that you will be batching claims from.
  - b. Use **T** for today if you want to pull all open claims without a strict end date.
- 6. Choose Individual Guarantors in the Individual Or All Guarantors Or Financial Class field.
  - a. Always sort the billing batches by guarantor. Never group them together. (Except for SAPTA RFRs)
  - b. See separate policy and procedure for processing the SAPTA RFRs.



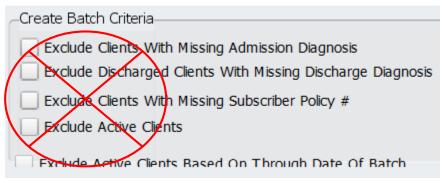
- 7. Choose **All Programs** in the **All Or Individual Or Treatment Settings** field, unless there is a specific need by the facility to break out the billing by programs.
  - a. **All Programs** choose this



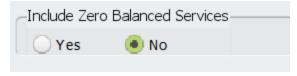


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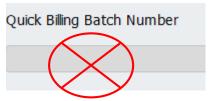
8. In the **Create Batch Criteria** field, do not check any of the choices. LEAVE THEM ALL UNCHECKED.



9. In the Include Zero Balanced Services field, click NO.



10. The **Quick Billing Batch Number** is not a field the SAPTA facilities will be using.



11. Click **Process** on the left hand side.



12. Once the batch has processed, it will generate a report of all pending charges for that specific guarantor for the specific timeframe requested. Report will reflect the following data:



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- a. **Batch** # located in the header of the report. This number will be very important to complete the rest of the billing processes.
- b. Name of Batch located in the header of the report.
- c. **Batch Created For** this is the **through date** for the batched file
- d. **Guarantor** based on the guarantor selection in step 6.
- e. **EP** # episode number for the service
- f. **Program** level of service
- g. Client client ID and name will display
- h. First Service Date date of service for the charge specified
- i. # of Days number of days that service was billed for

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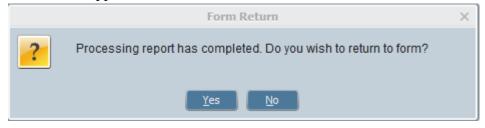
BATCH # : 27
Test Medicaid FFS Batch-AUGUST 2015-SR
BATCH CREATED FOR : 08/30/2015

GUARANTOR	EP#	PROGRAM	CLIENT	FIRST SERV DT	# OF DAYS
39 - Nevada M	1	1 - Level 1 - Outpatient S	41 - SMITH, JOHNNIE	07/10/2015	1
39 - Nevada M	2	1 - Level 1 - Outpatient S	42 - BLOW, JOSEPH	08/06/2015	1 D
39 - Nevada M	2	1 - Level 1 - Outpatient S	44 - WILSON, OWEN	08/06/2015	1

- 13. Print or save as needed.
  - a. **File** save document
  - b. **Print** print document
- 14. When complete, click **Dismiss** at the bottom right hand corner of the screen.



15. The **Form Return** box will appear. Click **NO.** 





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#### **PRINT BILL**

- 16. From the Avatar Home Screen, search for the **Print Bill** form in the **Search Forms** widget.
  - a. Double-click the highlighted form.



17. The **Print Charges Thru** date must match the date selected on the **Create Interim Billing Batch File** in step 5 above.



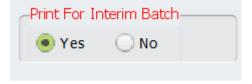
- 18. In the Create Claims Y/N field, choose NO.
  - a. Claiming the charges will be done in a further step. First, the charges must be viewed. It's crucial that you choose **NO** here.



19. In the **Print On What Form** field, always choose **HCFA 1500 – NPI Version.** 



- 20. In the **Print For Interim Batch** field, choose **YES**.
  - a. This will open up the field Interim Batch Number.



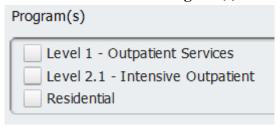


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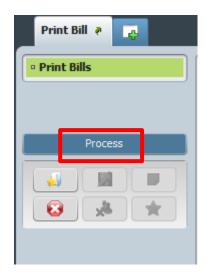
- 21. In the **Interim Batch Number** field, choose the interim batch that was created in the previous steps.
  - a. Double-check the batch number, batch name, date/timeframe, and initials to ensure you are selecting the correct batch. If the wrong batch is selected, it will cause problems.



22. The various programs do not need to be checked in the **Program(s)** field.



23. Click **Process** on the left hand side.



- 24. The screen will populate with the HCFA 1500 forms for the various claims. Notice the page counts at the bottom. These can be printed onto HCFA 1500 forms from the **Print** button.
  - a. If the fields do not match up properly on the HCFA 1500 form, or the data is not populating correctly, contact the Avatar Support HelpDesk. (SAPTA.avatar@health.nv.gov)



- 25. These printed HCFA 1500s will need to be entered into existing systems in order to bill.
  - a. Medicaid if your facility uses Payerpath to bill Medicaid, this data on the 1500 will need to be entered into that system.



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- b. Other Insurance Companies if your facility uses Availity to bill other private insurance companies, this data on the 1500 will need to be entered into that system.
- c. DON'T COMPLETE THIS STEP UNTIL CHARGES HAVE BEEN CLOSED AND CLAIMED.
- 26. Click **Dismiss** when complete.

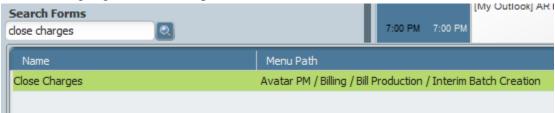


27. The **Form Return** box will appear. Click **NO.** 

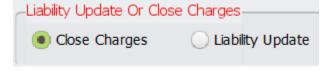


#### **CLOSE CHARGES**

- 28. Closing charges prepares the services to be claimed.
- 29. From the Avatar Home Screen, search for the Close Charges form in the Search Forms widget.
  - a. Double-click the highlighted form to open.



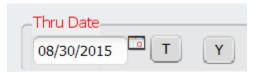
30. In order to close charges, click Close Charges in the Liability Update Or Close Charges field.



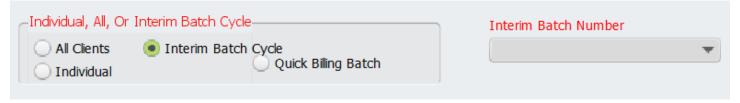
- 31. Enter the same **Thru Date** that has been entered in the following steps above:
  - a. Steps 6 and 17.



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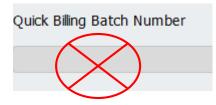
- 32. Always choose Interim Batch Cycle from the Individual, All, Or Interim Batch Cycle field.
  - a. This will open up the Interim Batch Number field.



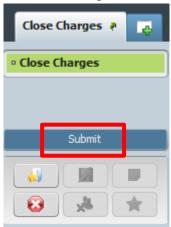
- 33. Choose the **Interim Batch Number** from the dropdown menu.
  - a. Ensure this is the correct batch that you've been working with on previous steps. Double-check the batch #, batch name, date/time period, and initials.



34. The **Quick Billing Batch Number** is not a field the SAPTA facilities will be using.



35. Click **Submit** on the left hand side of the form to complete the **Close Charges** form.





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#### **Print Bill**

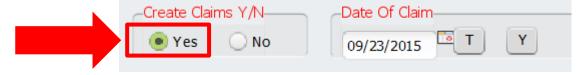
- 36. After charges have been closed, they are ready to be claimed. This step takes place in the **Print Bill** form.
- 37. From the Avatar Home Screen, search for **Print Bill** in the **Search Forms** widget.
  - a. Double-click the highlighted selection to open the form.



38. The **Print Charges Thru** date must match the date selected on the **Create Interim Billing Batch File** in step 5 above.



39. In the Create Claims Y/N field, choose YES.



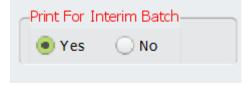
- 40. The **Date of Claim** date will be the date you are claiming.
  - a. Click T for today. This is the date you are claiming.
- 41. In the **Print On What Form** field, always choose **HCFA 1500 NPI Version.**



- 42. In the **Print For Interim Batch** field, choose **YES**.
  - b. This will open up the field Interim Batch Number.



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- 43. In the **Interim Batch Number** field, choose the interim batch that was created in the previous steps.
  - b. Double-check the batch number, batch name, date/timeframe, and initials to ensure you are selecting the correct batch. If the wrong batch is selected, it will cause problems.



44. The various programs do not need to be checked in the **Program(s)** field.



45. Click **Process** on the left hand side.



- 46. The screen will populate with the HCFA 1500 forms for the various claims. Notice the page counts at the bottom. These can be printed onto HCFA 1500 forms from the **Print** button.
  - b. If the fields do not match up properly on the HCFA 1500 form, or the data is not populating correctly, contact the Avatar Support HelpDesk. (SAPTA.avatar@health.nv.gov)



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- 47. These printed HCFA 1500s will need to be entered into existing systems in order to bill.
  - d. Medicaid if your facility uses Payerpath to bill Medicaid, this data on the 1500 will need to be entered into that system.
  - e. Other Insurance Companies if your facility uses Availity to bill other private insurance companies, this data on the 1500 will need to be entered into that system.
  - f. YOU CAN NOW COMPLETE THIS STEP. ALL CHARGES HAVE BEEN CLAIMED.
- 48. Once payments are received from the various guarantors, see the **Posting Payments Policy and Procedure** for instructions on entering the payments.